

**Virginia State Board of Education
ESL Special Subcommittee
November 11, 2004**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Leis Center
Falls Church, Virginia**

Committee Members Present: Mrs. Isis Castro, Chair; Dr. Gary Jones

Purpose of Subcommittee: To evaluate the needs of the growing English as a Second Language (ESL) population.

Summary of Subcommittee Meeting:

1. Welcome from Mrs. Castro, Chair
2. Introduction of Attendees
3. Presentation of : 1) statewide demographic information for limited English proficient (LEP) students; 2) statewide adequate yearly progress (AYP) results for LEP students; and 3) statewide Standards of Learning (SOL) results for LEP students.
4. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Castro by the attendees for convening the subcommittee.
5. The following suggestions were raised as areas for the special subcommittee to consider.
 - a. Address the expansion of university course offerings in teacher preparation programs to include required classes for education majors on how to work with limited English proficient (LEP) students.
 - b. Request statewide data on LEP student performance on the Stanford English Language Proficiency (SELP) test.
 - c. Request statewide LEP student performance data on the SELP as a substitute for the English/reading Standards of Learning (SOL) assessment.
 - d. Request that the State Board of Education review the cut scores set for the SELP as a substitute SOL assessment.
 - e. Request that the Virginia Department of Education participate in additional consortium grant projects under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.
 - f. Request that the state expand the support system for school divisions with small LEP enrollments.

- g. Request that the State Board of Education amend Virginia's Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* to allow LEP students at English Language Proficiency Level 3 and English Language Proficiency Level 4 to use the SELP as a substitute for the English/Reading SOL.
- 5. The next meeting of the subcommittee was set for February 10, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in Richmond, Virginia.